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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Maritime quarantine transactions at Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, during February, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *March 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions for the month of February, 1901, as follows:

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued—	
To United States ports.....	7
To foreign ports.....	42
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	62
From domestic ports.....	215
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	1, 219
Steerage	10, 931
Number of crew inspected.....	9, 574
Vessels held in quarantine from January.....	1
Vessels held for disinfection of steerage baggage	2
Vessels disinfected, partial.....	1
Number of persons quarantined for observation.....	63
Number of persons vaccinated.....	75
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected and so labeled.....	3, 579
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed and so labeled.....	1, 313

PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued to foreign ports.....	4
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	6
From domestic ports.....	69
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	120
Steerage.....	558
Number of crew inspected.....	3, 624
Number of vessels held in quarantine for observation.....	1
Number persons held in quarantine for observation.....	37

PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued.....	4
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	1
From domestic ports.....	29
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	39
Steerage.....	214
Number of crew inspected.....	1, 390

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
 Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague and smallpox in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *March 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that although there is a slight increase in the number of cases of plague in Manila, still the number to date is much smaller than in the preceding year.

During the week ended March 16, 1901, there were 10 cases, with 8 deaths, distributed as follows: Six Chinese and 4 Filipinos.

During the same period there were 8 cases of smallpox, with no deaths, and a total number of deaths from all causes of 173.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
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Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox in Cebu.

CEBU, P. I., *March 12, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox has appeared in Cebu. Up to the present time 5 cases with 1 death have been reported. Its presence was first reported on March 9, 1901. I am of the opinion that it was introduced by land and not through the quarantine here, as numerous cases have been known to be present both on the west coast and in the interior of this island for some time past. I began yesterday to vaccinate all nonimmune members of crews and all nonimmune steerage passengers leaving this port as a precautionary measure. This was done, not because of any great present danger but to guard as far as possible for the future. Very few persons in the local trade have been vaccinated, but I find a large proportion of those on boats who visit Manila have been.

Another matter I wish to report is that there has been of late a large number of cases of glandular enlargement with fever here. This has evidently been going on for some time and has not been reported to the health authority here. The information available on the subject is so meager (as there is a very evident effort to conceal it) that I can not at this time furnish any definite evidence as to the character of the disease. I interviewed a Spanish practitioner here who says he has had 9 or 10 cases in which the symptoms were very mild, and among which there were no deaths. He says he has heard that 2 or 3 deaths have occurred in cases treated by "practecantes." He does not think the disease is plague, but called my attention to the fact that many rats have been dying here of late, a fact which I have noted in person.

He is a very competent man and his opinion is worth consideration. He has promised that if another case occurs in his practice to tell me at once and to let me see the case with him.

With respect to the vaccination now going on I wish to state that Surgeon-Major Lippett, chief surgeon of this district, has offered to furnish me all the vaccine necessary for this purpose free of charge. He has also offered me a professional vaccinator to assist me for two or three hours each day. Both these offers have been accepted, and I wish to return thanks herewith for this assistance.

I will, if possible, find more about the glandular cases above noted, and any information I receive will be immediately communicated to you.

Respectfully,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands, Manila, P. I.

Mortality of Iloilo and San Nicholas during February, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *March 20, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit below mortality statistics of Iloilo and San Nicholas for the month of February, 1901, extracted from the reports of the medical officers at Iloilo and Cebu, respectively.